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LABOUR
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AGREEMENT ON CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, America and ILO have signed any agreement;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the said agreement;

(c) whether the Government have taken measures to curb child labour under this agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): The Ministry of Labour, Government of India andthe ILO signeda n agreement o n 17.02.2000 fo r t he extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), toextend the International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)in India, initially for a period of 2 years from Jan.,2000 to Dec.,2001 and by mutual agreement forone more year. The USA is not a signatory to the agreement.

(b): The main objective of the programme is to extend IPEC activities in India for the duration mentioned.

(c) & (d): Indian has been participating in ILO`s International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour.The long term objective of IPEC is to contribute to the effective abolition of child labour. Under the programme funds are provided directly by the ILOarea office to NGO`s and other organisations, after approval of theaction programmes by the IPEC NationalSteering Committee. The Action Programmes cover areas such as institutional development, programme development, awareness raising, rehabilitation and education. Under IPEC, over 150 action programmes have been taken up for coverage of more than 90,000 children.